What is claimed is:

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1. A method for providing e-commerce and accounting services to organizations and service providers for offerings ordered by members of the organization and delivered by the service provider, comprising the steps of:

providing an intermediary to allow members of an organization to individually access a searchable database of service providers with associated offerings via an interactive communication network, said searchable database being maintained and monitored by the intermediary;

enabling the members to select a service provider from the database

enabling the members to select offerings from the selected service provider;

enabling the members to communicate billing information to the intermediary;

storing the billing information at the intermediary;

communicating the offerings selected by the members from the intermediary to the selected service provider; and

providing a consolidated invoice from the intermediary to the organization for all offerings

ordered by the members during a predetermined time period.

2. A method in accordance with claim 1, comprising the further steps of:

collecting payment by the intermediary from the organization on the consolidated invoice;

paying of the service provider by the intermediary for all offerings ordered therefrom by the members during the predetermined time period.

- 3. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the members are provided with an additional option of paying for the offering via one of a credit card or cash, in which instance the offering is not billed to the organization on the consolidated invoice.
- 4. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
 the organization is a business;
 the members are employees of the business; and
 the billing information includes at least one
 of the employees' personal identification numbers,
 a specific identification number for said business,
 the business' address, the business' telephone
 number, and client billing codes.

5. A method in accordance with claim 4, wherein the searchable database is provided in the form of a searchable web site.

6. A method in accordance with claim 5, wherein the service providers are restaurants, further comprising the step of:

providing at least one web page associated with each restaurant in the database, which web page displays at least one of the restaurant menu, the restaurant food type, and the restaurant specialties of the day.

7. A method in accordance with claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

meals ordered by the employees during a specified time period containing at least one of order date, order time, employee name, employee's personal identification number, meal ordered, meal cost, client name, client code, and restaurant name; and

forwarding the report from the intermediary to the business.

8. A method in accordance with claim 7, wherein the report can be sorted by at least one of order date, order time, employee name, employee's personal

identification number, meal ordered, meal cost, client name, client code, and restaurant name.

- 9. A method in accordance with claim 7, wherein the report can be generated upon demand by the organization.
- 10. A method in accordance/with claim 7, wherein the report is forwarded from the intermediary to the organization via one of facsimile, email, a global communication network, or said interactive communication network.
- 11. A method in accordance with claim 6, further comprising the step of:

generating a receipt by the intermediary containing at least one of an order confirmation number, employee name, the employee's personal identification number, meal ordered, order date, order time, meal cost, client name, client code, restaurant name.

12. A method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the receipt is forwarded from the intermediary to at least one of the employee, the restaurant, and the organization.

13. A method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the receipt is forwarded from the intermediary via one of facsimile, email, a global communication network, or said interactive communication network.

14. A method in accordance with claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

forwarding from the intermediary to the employee an estimated time of meal delivery from the restaurant to the organization.

- 15. A method in accordance with claim 6, wherein the database is searchable by at least one of restaurant name, food type, food preference, and restaurant location.
- 16. A method in accordance with claim 6, wherein:
 the business maintains house accounts with the restaurants; and

the consolidated invoice provides consolidation of amounts due on the house accounts.

17. A method in accordance with claim 2, further comprising the step of:

retaining a commission by the intermediary from the payment received from the organization, wherein

only the balance of the payment from the organization minus the commission is forwarded by the intermediary to the service provider.

18. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing a history of previous orders by the intermediary for each member.

19. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing real-time assistance by the intermediary to resolve problems associated with an order.

- 20. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of providing a consolidated invoice from the intermediary to the organization is accomplished via one of facsimile, email, a global communication network, or said interactive communication network.
- 21. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the consolidated invoice contains only amounts due for offerings ordered from a particular service provider, such that multiple consolidated reports are provided, each relating to a separate service provider.

- 22. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the consolidated invoice contains amounts due to each service provider which has been ordered from during the predetermined time period.
- 23. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the service providers are providers of one of flowers, gifts, transportation, accommodations, travel arrangement, entertainment, office supplies, office copies, documents, food, or beverages.
- 24. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the members are only allowed access to the searchable database for a pre-selected group of service providers.
- 25. A method in accordance with claim 24, wherein the pre-selected group of service providers is determined based on geographic location of the organization.
- 26. A method in accordance with claim 25, wherein the geographic location is determined by proximity to the organization.



- 27. A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of providing for delivery of the offerings from the service provider to the members.
- 28. A system for providing e-commerce and accounting services to organizations and service providers for offerings ordered by members of the organization and delivered by the service provider, comprising:

an intermediary;

at least one computer having access to an interactive computer network;

a searchable database consisting of multiple service providers with associated offerings maintained and monitored by the intermediary; and

a transaction feryer provided by the

intermediary in

communication with the computer and the database; wherein:

individual members of an organization can access the searchable database of service providers with associated offerings via the interactive communication network through the computer;

the members can select a service provider from the database;

the members can select offerings from the selected service provider;

the members can communicate billing information to the intermediary;

the billing information can be stored at

intermediary;

the

the transaction server can communicate the offerings selected by the members from the database to the selected service provider; and

a consolidated invoice can be provided by the

intermediary to the organization for all offerings ordered by the members during a predetermined time period.

29. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein:
payment is collected by the intermediary from
the organization on the consolidated invoice;

the intermediary pays the service provider for all offerings ordered therefrom by the members during the predetermined time period.

30. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein the members are provided with an additional option of paying for the offering via one of a credit card or cash, in which instance the offering is not billed to the organization on the consolidated invoice.

31. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein: the organization is a business;

the members are employees of the business; and the billing information includes at least one of the employees' personal identification numbers, a specific identification number for said business, the business' address, the business' telephone number, and client billing godes.

- 32. A system in accordance with claim 31, wherein the searchable database is provided in the form of a searchable web site
- 33. A system in adcordance with claim 32, wherein the service providers are restaurants, further comprising:
 - a web browser running at the computer;
 - a web server at the intermediary;
- at least one web page associated with each restaurant in the database, which web page displays at least one of the restaurant menu, the restaurant food type, and the restaurant specialties of the day.
- 34. A system in accordance with claim 33, wherein:

a report of all meals ordered by the employees during a specified time period is generated by the intermediary, containing at least one of order date, order time, employee name, employee's personal identification number, meal ordered, meal cost, client name, client code, and restaurant name; and

the report is forwarded by the intermediary to the business.

- 35. A system in accordance with claim 34, wherein the report can be sorted by at least one of order date, order time, employee name, employee's personal identification number, meal ordered, meal cost, client name, client code, and restaurant name.
- 36. A system in accordance with claim 34, wherein the report can be generated upon demand by the organization.
- 37. A system in adcordance with claim 34, wherein the report is forwarded by the intermediary to the organization via one of facsimile, email, a global communication network, or said interactive communication network.
- 38. A system in accordance with claim 33, wherein:

a receipt is generated by the intermediary containing at least one of an order confirmation number, employee name, the employee's personal identification number, meal ordered, order date, order time, meal cost, client name, client code, restaurant name.

- 39. A system in accordance with claim 38, wherein the receipt is forwarded by the intermediary to at least one of the employee, the restaurant, and the organization.
- 40. A system in accordance with claim 38, wherein the receipt is forwarded by the intermediary via one of facsimile, email, a global communication network, or said interactive communication network.
- 41. A system in accordance with claim 33, wherein:
 an estimated time of meal delivery is forwarded from the restaurant to the organization via the intermediary.
- 42. A system in accordance with claim 33, wherein the database is searchable by at least one of restaurant mame, food type, food preference, and restaurant location.

43. A system in accordance with claim 33, wherein: the business maintains house accounts with the restaurants; and

the consolidated invoice provides consolidation of amounts due on the house accounts.

- 44. A system in accordance with claim 29, wherein:
 a commission is retained by the intermediary
 from the payment received from the organization,
 wherein only the balance of the payment from the
 organization minus the commission is forwarded by
 the intermediary to the service provider.
- 45. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein:
 a history of previous orders is provided by the intermediary for each member.
- 46. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein: real-time assistance is provided by the intermediary to resolve problems associated with an order.
- 47. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein the consolidated invoice is provided by the intermediary to the organization via one of facsimile, email, a global communication network, or said interactive communication network.

- 48. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein the consolidated invoice contains only amounts due for offerings ordered from a particular service provider, such that multiple consolidated reports are provided, each relating to a separate service providers.
- 49. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein the consolidated invoice contains amounts due to each service provider which has been ordered from during the predetermined time period.
- 50. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein the service providers are providers of one of flowers, gifts, transportation, accommodations, travel arrangement, entertainment, office supplies, office copies, documents, food, or beverages.
- 51. A system in accordance with claim 28, wherein the members are only allowed access to the searchable database for a pre-selected group of service providers.
- 52. A system in accordance with claim 51, wherein the pre-selected group of service providers is

determined based on geographic location of the organization.

- 53. A system in accordance with claim 52, wherein the geographic location is determined by proximity to the organization.
- 54. A system in a cordance with claim 28, wherein the offerings can be delivered to the members.